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SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN PROPOSAL FOR NEW MILITARY MISSION
AGREEMENT

REF: A. BOGOTA 7017

B. SECDEF 62146ZSEPT73

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS DELAY IN RESPONDING TO GOC PROPOSAL
OF FEBRUARY 8, 1973 CONCERNING NEW MISSION AGREEMENT.
THOROUGH CONSIDERATION OF COLOMBIAN DRAFT HAS BEEN
DEFERRED PENDING CONCLUSION OF DOD STUDY ON US MILITARY
MISSIONS IN LATIN AMERICA, WHICH WILL EMBODY RECOMMEND-
ATIONS REGARDING THOSE CHANGES, IF ANY, WHICH USG SHOULD
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SEEK IN RENEGOTIATING EXISTING MISSION AGREEMENTS.

COMPLETION OF STUDY DELAYED FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT STUDY WILL NOT BE ENTIRELY COMPLETED UNTIL SOMETIME IN SPRING OF 1974. DOD MILGP SURVEY TEAM CURRENTLY ON FIRST PHASE OF FACT-FINDING MISSION WHICH IS TO VISIT EVENTUALLY ALL MILGPS IN LATIN AMERICA. ITINERARY FOR PRESENT TRIP DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE STOP AT BOGOTA.

2. REF B SETS OUT RELUCTANCE OF DOD TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATION OF NEW MISSION AGREEMENT WITH COLOMBIA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS DOD SURVEY TEAM HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT USMILGP BOGOTA IN ORDER TO FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

REF B ALSO SOLICITS VIEWS OF COMUSMILGP BOGOTA AS TO DESIRABILITY OF EXPEDITING NEGOTIATION OF NEW AGREEMENT WITH GOC AND RAISES POSSIBILITY THAT, IF NECESSARY AND FEASIBLE, SURVEY TEAM ITINERARY MIGHT BE ALTERED SO THAT TEAM COULD VISIT BOGOTA ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 6.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT SHARES EMBASSY CONCERN THAT IT MAY BE POLITICALLY AWKWARD TO DELAY MUCH LONGER IN RESPONDING TO GOC INITIATIVE. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY FORWARD SOONEST COUNTRY TEAM VIEWS ON ISSUES RAISED REF B. RUSH

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